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SUBJ: JOINT VENTURE AND MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS - ZAIRE

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1. THE COPPER PRODUCING INDUSTRY HAS BEEN RESTRICTED TO THE FOLLOWING FIRMS WHICH REPRESENT ALL ZAIRIAN PRODUCTION; ALL INVOLVE COOPERATION BETWEEN PRIVATE COMPANIES AND GOZ.
(A) GECAMINES. GOZ NATIONALIZED UNION MINIERES ASSETS IN 1967 AND SUCCESSOR COMPANY, GECAMINES, IS WHOLLY GOVT-OWNED PRODUCER OF 94 PERCENT OF ZAIRE'S COPPER. GECAMINES MAINTAINS A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONTRACT WITH BELGIAN FIRM, SOCIETE GENERAL DES MINERAIS -- SUBSIDIARY OF SOCIETE GENERALE, WHICH COVERS FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, RECRUITMENT, TRAINING, AND MARKETING.
(B) SODIMIZA. PRIVATE JAPANESE CONSORTIUM (80 PERCENT) HAS JOINED WITH GOZ (20 PERCENT; INCREASED FROM QT PERCENT IN MARCH) TO ESTABLISH THIS COPPER CONCENTRATE PRODUCTION COMPLEX. SODIMIZA ACCOUNTS FOR THE REMAINING 6 PERCENT OF CURRENT ANNUAL COPPER PRODUCTION BUT PLANS EXPANSION.
(C) SOCIETE MINIERE DU TENKE-FUNGURUME. AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN INTERESTS HAVE ALLIED TO FORM SMTF, WITH GOZ HOLDING 20 PERCENT OF THE EQUITY. SMTF HAS BEGUN PREPARATION AND HOPES TO START

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INITIAL PRODUCTION OF SOME 80,000 TONS OF COPPER IN 1977-78

2. ZINC. GECAMINES AND ZAIRETAIN PRODUCE ZAIRE'S ZINC; ZAIRETAIN IS ITSELF ENTIRELY STATE-OWNED, HALF THE SHARES BEING HELD BY GECAMINES AND 50 PERCENT BY THE INSTITUTE DE GESTION DE PORTE-FEUILLE. WE ASSUME SGM'S TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONTRACT EXTENDS TO GECAMINES' ZINC PRODUCTION.
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